¹Refers to the court's docket entry number.

court's prior orders concerning the parties various motions to dismiss and strike affirmative answers. The court finds that there is no undue delay, bad faith, or dilatory motive on behalf of defendants in requesting leave to file an amended answer that complies with the court's previous orders. Further, the court finds that the matter is early in litigation and that plaintiff would not be prejudiced by allowing amendment. Accordingly, defendants shall be granted leave to file an amended answer. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that defendants' motion for leave to file an amended answer (Doc. #104) is GRANTED. Defendants shall file an amended answer within ten (10) days from entry of this order. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED this 15th day of December, 2010. Fldihe LARRY R. HICKS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE